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France and Spain clamp down; Trump says he's tested

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BARCELONA, SPAIN

Spain locked down its 46 million citizens Saturday and France ordered the closing of just about everything the rest of the world loves about it – the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the cafes, restaurants and cinema – as governments took increasingly desperate measures to put more space between people and contain the coronavirus.

More borders snapped shut around the globe: President Donald Trump announced that the U.S., which days ago barred travelers from most of Europe, will extend the ban to Britain and Ireland, where cases are on the rise.

Under the restrictions on European travel, American citizens, green card holders and others are still allowed to return home to the U.S., but will be funneled to 13 airports and be subjected to health screenings and quarantine orders.

"If you don't have to travel, I wouldn't do it," Trump said.

After days of reluctance, Trump said on Saturday that he had taken the coronavirus test following several interactions with people who are infected. He is now awaiting the results.

The White House also began testing the temperatures of everyone who's been close to Trump; he said his own temperature was normal and he was feeling fine. Vice President Mike Pence wrote White House staff a memo on Saturday that they have a duty to take precautions – such as frequently washing their hands and staying home if sick – "to protect the health of our Executive Branch and those working with us."

Early Saturday the House approved legislation to provide direct relief to Americans suffering from the coronavirus pandemic. The Senate still must vote on the package. Trump sup-

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President Donald Trump speaks during a briefing on the coronavirus in the Brady press briefing room at the White House on Saturday in Washington.

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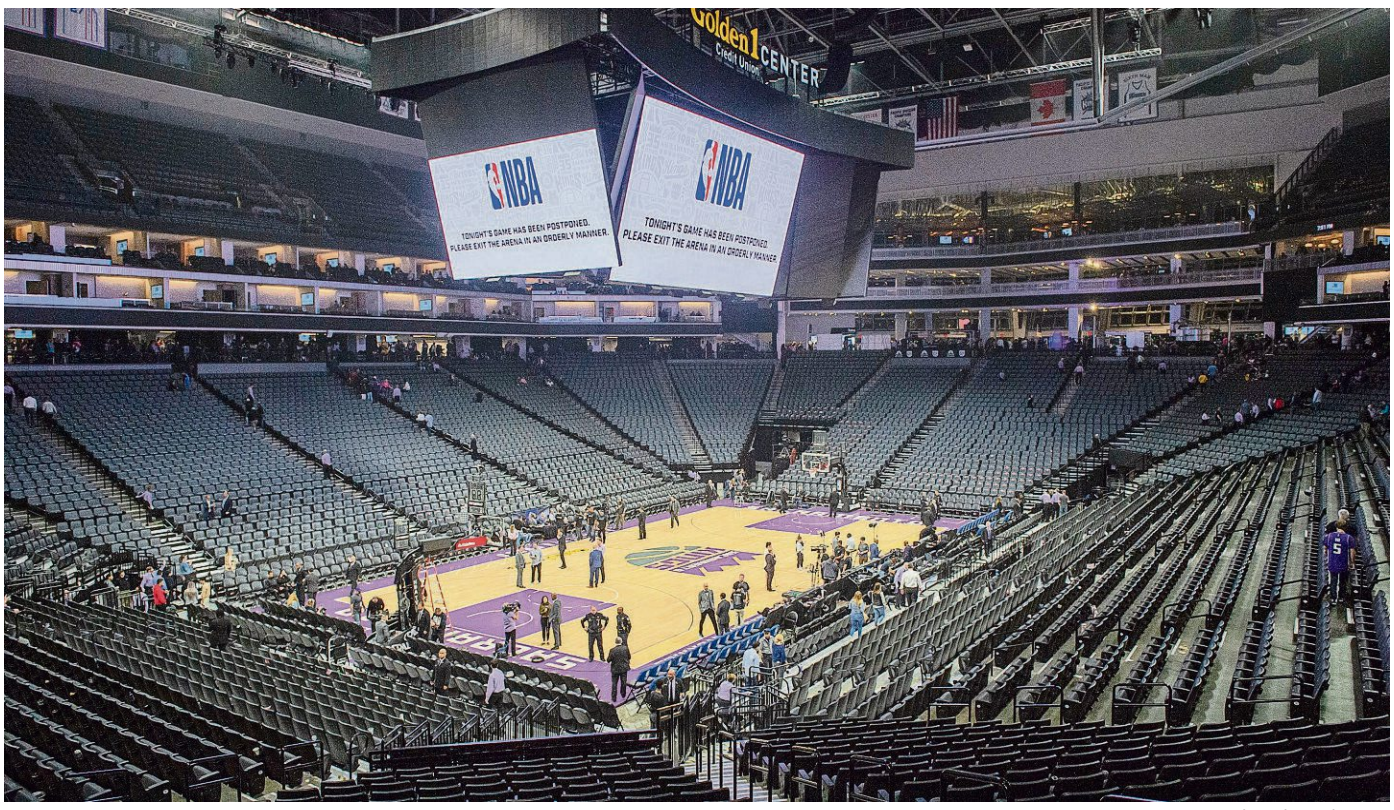

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The Golden 1 Center in Sacramento empties Wednesday after the NBA suspends the season following the news of the Utah Jazz's Rudy Gobert testing positive for coronavirus. The decision will likely have a significant impact on downtown Sacramento.

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Golden 1 Center has been a catalyst for downtown Sacramento since opening in 2016, particularly spurring restaurant development in the surrounding blocks. With its darkening Wednesday, those businesses have a tough road ahead.

The remainder of the NBA season, including the Kings' home game versus the New Orleans Pelicans on Wednesday, was suspended after Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert tested positive for coronavirus, or COVID-19. Fans at Golden 1 Center booed when it was announced inside the arena that the game had been canceled.

The decision will likely have a significant impact on downtown Sacramento, an urban core that has gone through a period of growth and revitalization since Golden 1 Center opened. The arena contributes tens of millions of dollars into the downtown economy each year. The blocks around the facility have come to life since 2016; once vacant lots now have condo buildings, trendy restaurants and boutiques.

Downtown Sacramento has some of the city's highest retail rents, and many businesses rely on Kings games and other Golden 1 Center

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Restaurant manager Giovanni Joris of Polanco Cantina in Downtown Commons was fretting about the effects on business minutes after the Kings' game was abruptly called off Wednesday.

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